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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, at its 2353rd plenary meeting on 19 September 1975, allocated to the Third Committee agenda item 68 entitled:

"Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination:

"(a) Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"(b) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

"(c) Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: report of the Secretary-General."

2. The Third Committee decided, at its 2113th meeting on 24 September 1975, to consider together subitems (a) and (c).

3. The Committee considered these subitems at its 2114th to 2124th and 2130th to 2136th meetings, from 25 September to 20 October. The summary records of these meetings (A/C.3/SR.2114-2124 and 2130-2136) contain the views of representatives of Member States on the subitems.

4. In connexion with item 68 (a), the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) The second annual report of the Secretary-General, prepared and submitted to the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 18 (f) of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, on the basis of information available as at 14 April 1975 on six topics relating to the Decade (E/5636 and Add.1-3), which the Council, in resolution 1938 A (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, had requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly;

(b) A summary of information concerning activities of Governments and international organizations prepared on the basis of information available as at 14 April 1975, and submitted to the Economic and Social Council by the Secretary-General with a view to assisting the Council in preparing the enumeration of activities undertaken or contemplated to achieve the objectives of the Decade called for in paragraph 18 (b) of the Programme for the Decade (E/5637 and Add.1 and 2), which the Council, in the same resolution, had requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly;

(c) The summary records of the discussion on the subject of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination during the fifty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council (E/AC.7/SR.758-760, 763 and 764, and E/SR.1948), which the Council, in resolution 1938 A (LVIII), had requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly;

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(d) The relevant part of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly; 1/

(e) A note by the Secretary-General on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (A/10145 and Corr.1), to which was annexed draft resolutions A and B on the Decade recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolutions 1938 A and B (LVIII), for adoption by the General Assembly;

(f) A note by the Secretary-General (A/10145/Add.1), containing a summary of information received by him on activities undertaken or contemplated in connexion with the Decade and supplementing the information on the subject which he had submitted to the Economic and Social Council (E/5636 and Add.1-3 and E/5637 and Add.1 and 2).

5. In connexion with item 68 (c), the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/10197).

6. Subitems 68 (a) and 68 (c) were introduced by the Director of the Division of Human Rights at the Committee's 2114th meeting on 25 September.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chaps. I and V, sect. B.1.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

7. The Committee considered the draft resolutions on the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolutions 1938 A and B (LXVIII), for adoption by the General Assembly, which read as follows:

Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

A

Implementation of the Programme

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which it reaffirmed its determination to achieve the total and unconditional elimination of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

"Considering that the policies of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid are flagrant violations of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute serious violations of the obligations of Member States under the Charter,

"Bearing in mind the vital importance of establishing a new economic and social world order based on justice and equality,

"1. Condemns the intolerable conditions which continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhumane and odious application of apartheid and racial discrimination;

"2. Reaffirms its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of oppressed peoples to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, colonialism and alien domination;

"3. Urges all States to co-operate loyally and fully in achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by taking such actions and measures as:

"(a) Implementing United Nations resolutions bearing on the elimination of racism, apartheid, racial discrimination and the liberation of peoples under colonial domination and alien subjugation;

"(b) Ensuring immediate termination of all measures and policies, as well as military, political, economic and other activities, which enable racist régimes in southern Africa to continue the repression of the African people;

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"(c) Providing full support and assistance, morally and materially, to the peoples that are victims of apartheid and racial discrimination and to the liberation movements;

"(d) Cessation of emigration to South Africa;

"(e) Ensuring the release of political prisoners in South Africa and of those subjected to restriction for their opposition to apartheid;

"(f) Signing and ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 2/ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid 3/ and all other relevant instruments;

"(g) Formulating and executing plans to realize the policy measures and goals contained in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including the advisability of establishing national arrangements to follow up the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

"(h) Reviewing internal laws and regulations with a view to identifying and rescinding those which provide for, give rise to, or inspire racial discrimination or apartheid;

"(i) Complying, when due, with the provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade, which call for Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme for the Decade, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General;

"(j) Educating in particular youth in the spirit of equality and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"4. Urges Member States which are parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to continue to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention and, in particular, to submit their reports within the time-table laid down under article 9;

"5. Urges also United Nations organs and bodies, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure the continuation of their activities related to the Decade with emphasis on, inter alia:

2/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

3/ General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

"(a) Providing moral and material support to the national liberation movements and victims of apartheid and racial discrimination;

"(b) Assisting and conducting vigorous education and information campaigns to dispel racial prejudice and to involve public opinion in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

"(c) Examining the socio-economic and colonial roots of racism, apartheid and racial discrimination with a view to eliminating them;

"6. Requests national sports federations of Member States to refuse systematically to participate in all sports or other activities together with the representatives of the racist régime of South Africa;

"7. Welcomes any contributions and suggestions related to the Programme for the Decade by the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to draw on the expertise of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination while undertaking the relevant activities of the Decade;

"9. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report containing proposals to implement efficiently paragraph 17 of the Programme for the Decade which calls for the establishment of an international fund on a voluntary basis;

"10. Expresses the hope that adequate resources will be made available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade;

"11. Decides to consider at its thirty-first session, as a matter of high priority, the question entitled 'Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

B

World conference to combat racism and racial discrimination

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1938 B (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

"1. Notes with appreciation the offer of the Government of Ghana to act as host to the world conference envisaged as a major feature of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

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"2. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the Government of Ghana on arrangements for holding the conference as well as the nature of the financial contribution that the Government of Ghana will be capable of making with regard to its offer;

"3. Requests further that the Secretary-General submit a report on his consultations in this regard to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session to enable the Council to advise the General Assembly on this matter."

8. At the 2121st meeting, on 3 October, the representative of Mali introduced the following amendments (A/C.3/L.2154) to draft resolution A on behalf of Algeria, Greece, Jamaica, Lesotho, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Senegal and Yugoslavia:

(a) Add the following as the second preambular paragraph:

"Recalling its resolutions 2920 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972 and 3224 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 concerning measures to improve the situation of migrant workers,"

(b) After paragraph 3 (h), add the following new paragraph 3 (i) and reletter the other paragraphs accordingly:

"(i) Ensuring the cessation of all discriminatory measures against migrant workers and extending to them treatment equal to that provided for nationals of the host country."

9. In the light of suggestions put forward by the representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, the above amendments were orally revised to add the following at the end of the new subparagraph 3 (i): "with regard to human rights and to the provisions of their labour legislation".

10. The representatives of Egypt, Ghana, the Upper Volta and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Guinea, submitted the following amendments to draft resolution A (A/C.3/L.2155), which in their revised form read as follows:

- (a) Preamble: add a new first preambular paragraph as follows:

"Noting with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General contained in documents A/10145 and Corr.1 and Add.1, E/5636 and Add.1-3, E/5637 and Add.1 and 2."

- (b) Paragraph 7:

Add the following sentence to the paragraph:

"... and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities."

- (c) Paragraph 8:

Following the words "Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination" add the words "and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".

- (d) Paragraph 10:

The paragraph should read as follows:

"Reiterates the call in resolution 3057 (XXVII) to make adequate resources available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade."

- (e) Add the following new paragraph 11 and renumber accordingly:

"Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to study ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism, racial discrimination with a view to facilitating the examination of this question by the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 18 (i) of the Programme."

11. The representatives of Algeria, Madagascar, Mali and Senegal, subsequently joined by Guinea and Lesotho, submitted an amendment (A/C.3/L.2156), by which a new paragraph 11 was added to draft resolution A, which read as follows:

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"Appeals to Governments and private organizations in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions of funds which would make it possible to carry out all of the activities provided for in the Programme for the Decade, especially in paragraphs 15 and 16 thereof with regard to research, studies, education, training and information directed towards the achievement of the goals of the Decade and designed to assist the victims of racial discrimination and racism."

12. At the 2121st meeting on 3 October, the representative of Somalia introduced the following amendments (A/C.3/L.2157) to draft resolution A on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Republic, Morocco, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan and the United Arab Emirates:

(a) Add the following paragraph after the first preambular paragraph:

"Recalling that in its resolution 3151 G (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, the General Assembly condemned the unholy alliance between Zionism and racism."

(b) Add the following paragraph after operative paragraph 1:

"Considers Zionism as a form of racial discrimination to be included in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination."

(c) Renumber the following operative paragraphs accordingly;

(d) In the present operative paragraph 2, add the word "zionism" between the words "apartheid" and "colonialism";

(e) In the present operative paragraph 3 (c), add the word "zionism" between the words "apartheid" and "and racial discrimination";

(f) In the present operative paragraph 5 (a), add the word "zionism" between the words "apartheid" and "and racial discrimination";

(g) In the present operative paragraph 5 (c), add the word "zionism" between the words "apartheid" and "and racial discrimination".

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria put forward an oral amendment to add the following at the end of subparagraph (b) of operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A:

"In particular that an international competition should be organized to select an appropriate emblem for the Decade and the printing of posters containing the emblem for wide distribution."

A statement on the financial implications of the amendment was submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/638).

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14. At the 2116th meeting, on 29 September, the Committee decided that the deadline for the submission of draft resolutions and amendments relating to the item would be 1 October at 1.00 p.m. At the 2130th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Somalia announced on behalf of the co-sponsors (see para. 12 above), the wish to withdraw the amendments (A/C.3/L.2157) and to replace them by a new draft resolution, and also requested that the majority rule, provided in rule 125 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, should apply in determining whether the new text would be submitted for consideration or not. Some representatives maintained, on the other hand, that the two-thirds majority provided in rule 123 was required for this purpose. The Committee decided by a recorded vote of 72 to 24, with 28 abstentions, that the majority rule provided in rule 125 would be applicable to the proposal of Somalia. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Japan, Lesotho, New Zealand, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Zaire, Zambia.

15. By a recorded vote of 75 to 22, with 26 abstentions, the Committee then decided, as proposed by Somalia, to consider a new version of the draft resolution. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali,

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Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Bolivia, Botswana, Burundi, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Greece, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Japan, Lesotho, Mauritius, New Zealand, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Uruguay, Zaire, Zambia.

16. At the 2134th meeting, on 17 October, the Committee voted on draft resolutions A and B recommended by the Economic and Social Council (A/10145 and Corr.1, annex) and on the amendments thereto. The voting was as follows:

(a) A proposal to add a new first preambular paragraph (item 1 in document A/C.3/L.2155) was adopted without a vote;

(b) A proposal to add a new preambular paragraph (item 2 in document A/C.3/L.2154) was adopted by 122 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions;

(c) A proposal to add a new subparagraph (i) after operative paragraph 3 (h) (item 2 in document A/C.3/L.2154), as revised (see para. 8 above), was adopted by 121 votes to none, with 5 abstentions;

(d) The oral amendment submitted by Nigeria to subparagraph (b) of operative paragraph 5 (see para. 12 above) was adopted unanimously;

(e) The proposal to add a new sentence at the end of operative paragraph 7 (item 2 in document A/C.3/L.2155) was adopted without a vote;

(f) Operative paragraph 7 of draft resolution A recommended by the Economic and Social Council, as amended, was adopted without a vote;

(g) A proposal to add a new sentence to operative paragraph 8 (item 3 in document A/C.3/L.2155) was adopted without a vote;

(h) Operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A recommended by the Economic and Social Council, as amended, was adopted without a vote;

(i) A proposal for a new formulation of operative paragraph 10 (item 4 in document A/C.3/L.2155) was adopted unanimously.

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(j) A proposal to add a new operative paragraph 11 (item 5 in document A/C.3/L.2155) as revised, was adopted unanimously;

(k) A proposal to add a new operative paragraph 11 (renumbered 12) (contained in document A/C.3/L.2156) was adopted unanimously;

(l) Draft resolution A, recommended by the Economic and Social Council, as a whole, as amended, was adopted by 126 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions (see para. 27 below, draft resolution I);

(m) Draft resolution B recommended by the Economic and Social Council was adopted by 126 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 27 below, draft resolution II).

III. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/L.2159

17. At the 2132nd meeting, on 16 October, the representative of Somalia introduced draft resolution A/C.3/L.2159 sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Guinea, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Republic, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, subsequently joined by Mali and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

18. At the 2134th meeting, on 17 October, the representative of Sierra Leone supported by Zambia, proposed the deferral of the consideration of the draft resolution until the next session of the General Assembly. The proposal was rejected by a roll-call vote of 68 to 45, with 16 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nepal, Norway, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Abstaining: Argentina, Burma, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Lesotho, Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Togo, Venezuela.

19. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Republic moved the closure of the debate on the draft resolution. The proposal was adopted by a roll-call vote of 66 to 29, with 32 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Burma, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Zaire, Zambia.

20. Also at the same meeting, the Committee voted on the draft resolution. At the request of the representative of Mexico, separate votes were taken on each of the preambular paragraphs. The voting was as follows:

(a) The first preambular paragraph was adopted by 104 votes to 4, with 20 abstentions;

(b) The second preambular paragraph was adopted by 75 votes to 26, with 27 abstentions;

(c) The third preambular paragraph was adopted by 75 votes to 21, with 32 abstentions;

(d) The fourth preambular paragraph was adopted by 75 votes to 24, with 29 abstentions;

(e) The fifth preambular paragraph was adopted by 74 votes to 24, with 29 abstentions;

(f) The draft resolution, as a whole, was adopted by a roll-call vote of 70 to 29, with 27 abstentions (see para. 27 below, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

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In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Dahomey, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Republic, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic of), Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining: 4/ Botswana, Colombia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Swaziland, Togo, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia.

4/ Subsequently, the representatives of Argentina and Thailand drew attention to the fact that they had abstained in the vote on the draft resolution, but that this had not been recorded by the voting machine.

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IV. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/L.2152

21. At the 2118th meeting, on 1 October, a draft resolution on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (A/C.3/L.2152) was submitted in connexion with item 68 (a) by Bulgaria, Ecuador, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Hungary, Iraq, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yugoslavia, later joined by Bangladesh, Cuba, Cyprus, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, the Sudan and the United Arab Emirates. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Referring to its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of November 1973, by which it approved and opened for signing and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid,

"Reaffirming its firm conviction that apartheid constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

"Convinced that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for achievement of the goals of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

"1. Appeals to the Governments of all States to sign, ratify and implement without delay the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly annual reports on the status of this Convention;

"3. Decides to consider this question at its thirty-first session as a subitem of the agenda item entitled "The Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination."

22. At the 2122nd meeting, on 6 October, the draft resolution was adopted by 68 votes to none, with 22 abstentions (see para. 27 below, draft resolution IV).

V. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/L.2151

23. At the 2117th meeting, on 30 September, the representative of Belgium, in connexion with item 68 (c), introduced a draft resolution on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/C.3/L.2151) sponsored by Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany (Federal Republic of), Finland, Ghana, Greece, Iran, Morocco, Nigeria, the Philippines, Senegal, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3134 (XXVIII) and 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

"2. Expresses its satisfaction with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention;

"3. Reaffirms its conviction that ratification of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

"4. Appeals to States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the state of ratifications of the Convention, in accordance with resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965".

24. At the 2121st meeting, on 3 October, the representative of Uruguay introduced an amendment (A/C.3/L.2153) sponsored by Norway and Uruguay by which the following new paragraph 5 (the present paragraph 5 should be renumbered) was added:

"Appeals to States parties to the Convention to study the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention."

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25. At the 2122nd meeting, on 6 October, the Committee adopted the amendment by a recorded vote of 61 to 12, with 39 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dahomey, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany (Federal Republic of), Ghana, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Senegal, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Burma, Chad, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

26. At the same meeting, the draft resolution (A/C.3/L.2151), as amended, was adopted by 106 votes to none, with 6 abstentions (see para. 27 below, draft resolution V).

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

27. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to
Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Noting with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General, 5/

Recalling its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which it reaffirmed its determination to achieve the total and unconditional elimination of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid,

Recalling its resolutions 2920 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972 and 3224 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974 concerning measures to improve the situation of migrant workers,

Considering that the policies of racism, racial discrimination and apartheid are flagrant violations of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and constitute serious violations of the obligations of Member States under the Charter,

Bearing in mind the vital importance of establishing a new economic and social world order based on justice and equality,

1. Condemns the intolerable conditions which continue to prevail in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right to self-determination and the inhumane and odious application of apartheid and racial discrimination;

2. Reaffirms its recognition of the legitimacy of the struggle of oppressed peoples to liberate themselves from racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, colonialism and alien domination;

3. Urges all States to co-operate loyally and fully in achieving the goals and objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination by taking such actions and measures as:

(a) Implementing United Nations resolutions bearing on the elimination of racism, apartheid, racial discrimination and the liberation of peoples under colonial domination and alien subjugation;

5/ A/10145 and Corr.1 and Add.1, E/5636 and Add.1-3, and E/5637 and Add.1 and 2.

(b) Ensuring immediate termination of all measures and policies, as well as military, political, economic and other activities, which enable racist régimes in southern Africa to continue the repression of the African people;

(c) Providing full support and assistance, morally and materially, to the peoples which are victims of apartheid and racial discrimination and to the liberation movements;

(d) Cessation of emigration to South Africa;

(e) Ensuring the release of political prisoners in South Africa and of those subjected to restrictions for their opposition to apartheid;

(f) Signing and ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, 6/ the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid 7/ and all other relevant instruments;

(g) Formulating and executing plans to realize the policy measures and goals contained in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including the advisability of establishing national arrangements to follow up the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

(h) Reviewing internal laws and regulations with a view to identifying and rescinding those which provide for, give rise to, or inspire racial discrimination or apartheid;

(i) Ensuring the cessation of all discriminatory measures against migrant workers and extending to them treatment equal to that provided for nationals of the host country with regard to human rights and to the provisions of their labour legislation;

(j) Complying, when due, with the provisions of paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade, which call for Governments to forward a report every two years on the action taken under the Programme for the Decade, on the basis of a questionnaire circulated by the Secretary-General;

(k) Educating, in particular, youth in the spirit of equality and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. Urges Member States which are parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination to continue to comply fully with their obligations under the Convention and, in particular, to submit their reports within the time-table laid down under article 9;

6/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

7/ General Assembly resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

5. Also urges United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to ensure the continuation of their activities related to the Decade with emphasis on, inter alia:

(a) Providing moral and material support to the national liberation movements and victims of apartheid and racial discrimination;

(b) Assisting and conducting vigorous education and information campaigns to dispel racial prejudice and to involve public opinion in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination, in particular to organize an international competition to select an appropriate emblem for the Decade and the printing of posters containing the emblem for wide distribution;

(c) Examining the socio-economic and colonial roots of racism, apartheid and racial discrimination with a view to eliminating them;

6. Requests national sports federations of Member States to refuse systematically to participate in all sports or other activities together with the representatives of the racist régime of South Africa;

7. Welcomes any contributions and suggestions related to the Programme for the Decade by the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against Apartheid, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to draw on the expertise of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities while undertaking the relevant activities of the Decade;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session a report containing proposals to implement efficiently paragraph 17 of the Programme for the Decade, which calls for the establishment of an international fund on a voluntary basis;

10. Reiterates the call in its resolution 3057 (XXVII) to make adequate resources available to the Secretary-General to enable him to undertake the activities entrusted to him under the Programme for the Decade;

11. Calls upon the Commission on Human Rights, in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, to study ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination with a view to facilitating the examination of this question by the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 18 (i) of the Programme for the Decade;

12. Appeals to Governments and private organizations in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions of funds which would make it possible to carry out

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all of the activities provided for in the Programme for the Decade, especially in paragraphs 15 and 16 thereof, with regard to research, studies, education, training and information directed towards the achievement of the goals of the Decade and designed to assist the victims of racial discrimination and racism,

13. Decides to consider at its thirty-first session, as a matter of high priority, the question entitled "Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination".

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

World conference to combat racism and racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1938 B (LVIII) of 6 May 1975,

1. Notes with appreciation the offer of the Government of Ghana to act as host to the world conference envisaged as a major feature of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to enter into consultations with the Government of Ghana concerning arrangements for holding the conference as well as the nature of the financial contribution that the Government of Ghana will be able to make with regard to its offer;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on his consultations in this regard to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session to enable it to advise the General Assembly on this matter.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Elimination of all forms of racial discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1904 (XVIII) of 20 November 1963, proclaiming the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and in particular its affirmation that "any doctrine of racial differentiation or superiority is scientifically false, morally condemnable /and/ socially unjust and dangerous" and its expression of alarm at "the manifestations of racial discrimination still in evidence in some areas in the world, some of which are imposed by certain Governments by means of legislative, administrative or other measures",

Recalling also that, in its resolution 3151 G (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, the General Assembly condemned, inter alia, the unholy alliance between South African racism and zionism,

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Taking note of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975 8/ proclaimed by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, which promulgated the principle that "international co-operation and peace require the achievement of national liberation and independence, the elimination of colonialism and neo-colonialism, foreign occupation, zionism, apartheid, and racial discrimination in all its forms as well as the recognition of the dignity of peoples and their right to self-determination",

Taking note also of resolution 77 (XII) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twelfth ordinary session, 9/ held in Kampala from 28 July to 1 August 1975, which considered "that the racist régime in occupied Palestine and racist régimes in Zimbabwe and South Africa have a common imperialist origin, forming a whole and having the same racist structure and being organically linked in their policy aimed at repression of the dignity and integrity of the human being",

Taking note also of the Political Declaration and Strategy to Strengthen International Peace and Security and to Intensify Solidarity and Mutual Assistance among Non-Aligned Countries, 10/ adopted at the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975, which most severely condemned zionism as a threat to world peace and security and called upon all countries to oppose this racist and imperialist ideology,

Determines that zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

The General Assembly,

Referring to its resolution 3068 (XXVIII) of 30 November 1973, by which it approved and opened for signature and ratification the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid,

Reaffirming its firm conviction that apartheid constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and is a crime against humanity,

8/ E/5725, part one, sect. I.

9/ A/10297, annex II.

10/ A/10217 and Corr.1, annex, p. 3.

Convinced that ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the achievement of the goals of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

1. Appeals to the Governments of all States to sign, ratify and implement without delay the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly annual reports on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid;

3. Decides to consider this question at its thirty-first session under the item entitled "Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination".

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, 3134 (XXVIII) and 3135 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3225 (XXIX) of 6 November 1974,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination;

2. Expresses its satisfaction with the increase in the number of States which have ratified the Convention;

3. Reaffirms its conviction that ratification in the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and implementation of its provisions are necessary for the realization of the objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. Appeals to States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to accede thereto;

5. Appeals to States parties to the Convention to study the possibility of making the declaration provided for in article 14 of the Convention;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the General Assembly annual reports concerning the state of ratifications of the Convention, in accordance with its resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965.